

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3990-01
Bill No.: HB 1172
Subject: Economic Development Dept.; Licenses - Professional; Psychologists
Type: Original
Date: February 18, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Social Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state this proposal charges the Department of Economic Development, Committee of Professional Counselors with promulgating rules to implement the proposal, which covers changes in licensure requirements for professional counselors. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department of Economic Development could require as many as 24 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as are published in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and notices are not published in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23.00. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27.00. The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The fiscal impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded and withdrawn. The SOS estimates the cost of this legislation to be \$1,476 [(24 pp x \$27) + (36 pp x \$23)].

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal revises the definition of the "practice of professional counseling." The practice of professional counseling is the application of mental health, behavior, or human development principles in order to facilitate human development; prevent, diagnose, and treat mental and behavior disorders; conduct assessments for the purpose of establishing treatment; and plan, evaluate, and implement treatment plans using counseling treatment interventions.

The proposal also revises the definition of "professional counseling." Professional counseling includes individual, group, marriage, and family counseling and psychotherapy; assessment; crisis intervention; diagnosis and treatment of persons with mental disorders; guidance and consultation to facilitate normal growth and development; utilization of functional assessment; consulting; research; and referral. Restrictions are placed on these practices to apply to those persons appropriately trained as a professional counselor.

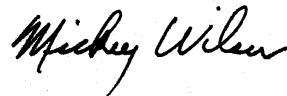
The proposal gives the Committee for Professional Counselors the authority to establish continuing education requirements in order for professional counselors to maintain and renew their licenses.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development -
 Division of Professional Registration
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Office of Secretary of State

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Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
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